

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

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Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a), as being unpatentable over *Timmons* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,446,869 to *Knodle*.

Claims 11-14 have been allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant proposes canceling claims 1-10. Accordingly, claims 11-14 are pending for further consideration.

All Claims are Allowable

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With regard to claims 1-8, although Applicant doesn't agree with the merits of the outstanding rejection, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-8 for expediting prosecution of this application. With claims 11-14 indicated as being allowed, Applicant respectfully requests grant of the Letters Patent including pending claims 11-14.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Applicant also requests the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

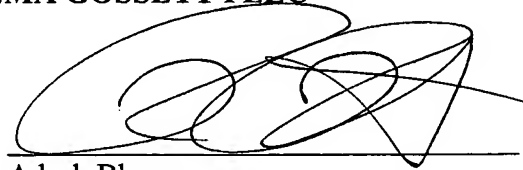
If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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